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December 13, 1961

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Boston Redevelopment Authority
FROM: Edward J. Logue, Development Administrator
RE: Recommendations for Award of Furnishings Contract

In the attached letter received from Sert, Jackson, and Gourley (December 9, 1961) concerning the proposed award of the furnishings contract for the remodeled spaces in City Hall Annex, it is pointed out that both firms submitting bids, the Business Equipment Corporation and the Peabody Furniture Company, are in the opinion of the architects both reputable and qualified.

It is the recommendation of the architects that the low bidder, (based on the presumption of an award which would not include either of the additive alternates), Business Equipment Corporation, be awarded the contract at the submitted proposed cost, \$67,418.15.

It is important also to note that the architects have recommended that the Board waive the informalities in the bid of the Business Equipment Corporation in connection with the submissions by this company on Additive Alternate, Item 11.1 and on submissions made under Section 3 of the Technical Specifications. Their comments on this recommendation are as follows:

"The bid of Business Equipment Corporation did not include a price for Additive Alternate, Item 11.1. Their price for the balance of the work was favorable. We, therefore, recommend that this informality in the bid of the Business Equipment Corporation be waived, if on advice of your counsel, this course of action is acceptable. Such action presumes that the Authority intends not to accept the alternate for purchase of the Sun Control Units through the Furniture Contractor.

"We believe that the submittal by Business Equipment Corporation did not comply with the intent of Article 45 of the General Conditions in the selections submitted for Section 3 of the Technical Specifications, and we believe that this non-compliance was due to an inadvertent error. Business Equipment Corporation has

requested permission to make certain substitutions under this Section 3, Chairs, in the Technical Specifications. We have reviewed these proposed substitutions and believe that if they are accepted, the intent of Article 45, Non-Mongrolization, will be satisfactorily fulfilled. The substitute selections offered are all items of furniture which were included in the initial specification. We, therefore, recommend that the informalities in the Business Equipment Corporation's bid be waived."

I therefore recommend that the furnishings contract be awarded to the low bidder, Business Equipment Corporation, on the basis of the lump sum bids submitted, and that the informalities referred to above be waived by the Board.

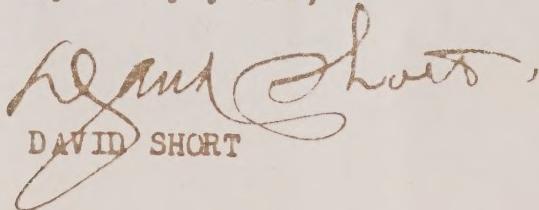
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Naturally, such loss is not directly due to any action on the part of the Authority, but it could be said that especially within the past six months there was a definite feeling in the air and indication by the Authority that these premises would be taken, and it certainly was detrimental in getting anyone even to look at the premises.

I again want to thank you for the consideration that you gave me over the telephone and I should be very happy to talk the matter over further with you if you feel it advisable.

Very truly yours,


DAVID SHORT

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SERT, JACKSON AND GOURLEY, ARCHITECTS

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9 December 1961

Mr. John P. McMorrow
Boston Redevelopment Authority
City Hall Annex
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. McMorrow:

We have reviewed the furniture bid documents as submitted by Business Equipment Corporation and Peabody Furniture Company, copies of which were forwarded to us on December 7, 1961. After consideration of the supporting documents, on the basis of our previous experience with these companies, it is our opinion that both firms are reputable and qualified.

The bid of Business Equipment Corporation did not include a price for additive Alternate, Item 11.1. Their price for the balance of the work was favorable. We, therefore, recommend that this informality in the bid of the Business Equipment Corporation be waived, if on advice of your counsel, this course of action is acceptable. Such action presumes that the authority intends not to accept the alternate for purchase of the Sun Control Units through the Furniture Contractor.

We believe that the submittal by Business Equipment Corporation did not comply with the intent of Article 45 of the General Conditions in the selections submitted for Section 3 of the Technical Specifications, and we believe that this non-compliance was due to an inadvertent error. Business Equipment Corporation has requested permission to make certain substitutions under this Section 3, Chairs, in the Technical Specifications. We have reviewed these proposed substitutions and believe that if they are accepted, the intent of Article 45, Non-Mongrolization, will be satisfactorily fulfilled. The substitute selections offered are all items of furniture which were included in the initial specification. We, therefore, recommend that the Informalities in the Business Equipment Corporation's bid be waived.

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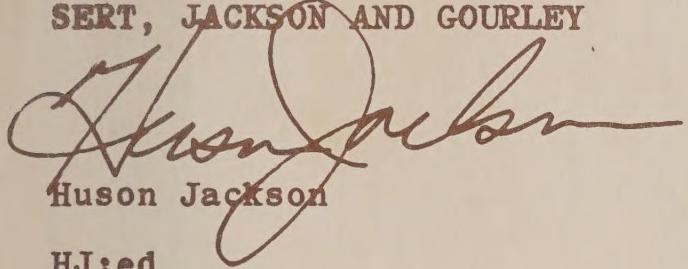
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With the substitute selections proposed, we recommend that Business Equipment Corporation as low bidder be awarded the Furniture Contract.

Sincerely yours,

SERT, JACKSON AND GOURLEY


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Wednesday, December 6th.

NOTES TAKEN AT FURNISHINGS BIDS OPENING

NAME OF BIDDER	CHEQUE CERT & BANK	ADDENDUM NO.1	Contract Price	Item 11.1	Item 11.3	
PEABODY OFFICE FURNITURE CO.	\$ 5,000 St. St. Bank & Trust	v	74,939.00	8,580	495.00	
BUSINESS EQUIPMENT CORPORATION	\$ 5,000 Nat. Shaw. Bank of Boston	v	67,418.15	no bid	260.00	